REPORT FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES

INTRODUCTION.

This volume contains statistics for the manufacturing industries. Data for certain selected industries were published as separate bulletins and are now collected in the present volume, together with detailed statistics for each industry, by states, and a report on Power Laundries, and forms Volume II of the reports for the Census of Manufactures: 1914.

The figures in the volume may differ in some unimportant details from those given in the bulletins, for the reason that minor errors discovered in the bulletins as first published have been corrected.

Each report summarizes the general results of the census inquiry, presenting a series of tables in which the more important figures printed in the general tables are given in convenient form, as well as statistics for character of ownership, for size of establishments, by value of product and by number of wage-earners, and for prevailing hours of labor. In addition, data of a supplemental character regarding the quantity and cost of materials, the quantity and value of products, and other information for securing which no provision is made on the general schedule were collected by means of special schedules for 82 industries, and the results are given in the special reports for 80 of them.

The special statistics collected for cottonseed oil and

cake were published in connection with the annual report on "Cotton Production and Distribution." Publication of data for aeroplanes could not be given without disclosing the operations of individual establishments.

At the end of the report for each industry are two general tables. The first is a comparative summary for 1914, 1909, and 1904, and gives, by states, the number of establishments, average number of wage-earners, primary horsepower, wages, cost of materials, and value of products. The second table presents detail statistics for 1914 for each state that can be shown without disclosing the operations of individual establishments.

Following the reports for the selected industries is a general table giving, for each industry not covered by the preceding reports, detail statistics for 1914 for each state that can be shown without disclosing the operations of individual establishments.

The present report on manufactures distinguishes 344 industries, although for certain purposes some of these are subdivided into two or more subclassifications. There are 271 of these subgroups of industries shown. Thus separate totals are given for 615 industries or subclasses of industry.

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